

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Attendance included:

Committee Members	Staff	Guests
Alyssa Boxhill, Chair Marien Hornyak John Thomas Roger Rinker Jennifer Whitmore Eric Eckl Lou Huzella Alderman Russell	David Edmondson Jenny Willoughby	

Chairman's Report: Meeting Called to Order at 6:30

Welcome and Introduction:

Announcements:

No announcements.

Approval of Minutes:

October 1, 2019:

Motion: Lou made a motion to approve the November 5, 2019 BPAC hearing minutes as amended.

Second: Eric Eckl.

Vote: 9-0.

Staff Review:

• Crash Report:

- David stated that there was one incident that resulted in a death which is the first occurrence in three (3) years. Shayne asked where the incident occurred? David responded on Hillcrest Drive.
- Alderman Russell stated that they are not aware if the incident was concluded to be a hit and run but it is a very good possibility.
- Alyssa asked if it was still an open investigation? Alderman Russell stated she believes so.
- Jennifer asked which side of the road was he on the shopping center or the apartment side.
- David stated a bicyclist was hit on E. Patrick and East Street. The cyclist was not injured. Alyssa asked if there was a police report associated with this incident. David stated yes.

• Budget Priorities:

- David stated he recommends that the \$100,000 be used for sidewalks where there is existing construction is happening. Either add/replace so it won't cause overruns.
- Alderman Russell asked if he had any examples of where. David responded there was a stretch along Monocacy north of the shopping center that has Wegman's. There are segments there that have bus stops but no concrete or crosswalks.

- Alyssa asked David if he was involved with the East Street Corridor Plan. The sidewalk consideration, frontage consideration, the road structure was part of those discussions which is part of a much larger vision for that area. David stated he hasn't yet.
- Marien would like to give her suggestions what should be done. Rosemont along Ft. Detrick fence, if you were walking to the health department, until the city's transit service becomes a little more regular, a lot of people have to walk to the health department and the best place to cross is at Ft. Detrick where the light is but there is no sidewalk so you have to cross at Rosemont and Baughman's Lane. The Opossumtown Pike one, if you are an FCC student it is an easier route to get to the college.
- Jennifer had a question regarding the first one on Monocacy between Walmart and State Farm. Is that going to be developed, do we know what the plan is for there? Alderman Russell responded there will be an apartment complex that should be moving forward.
- Eric asked if they normally get this amount funded for sidewalks a year. David replied that it seems to be that way, yes.
- Eric asked if we get a grant for trails/sidewalks? David responded no. He added that there are some, but they are not as well promoted and often they compete with cycling.
- Alyssa asked if there were any impediments along this stretch, in terms of land usage is this all within city jurisdiction. Do we have any private owner that might be impeding this getting built or designed? David stated the only impediment that he is aware of is a ¼ mile of this is in the county so we would need to partner with them.
- Jennifer asked if that was county owned right-of-way? David believes that it is still sewage right-of-way.
- Discussion of Rails to Trails
- David stated that next is more for informational purposes, but he has been looking into the cost of an On-Street Bike Plan which for a city our size ranges from \$100k - \$160k. David asked if this would be something the commission would like to ask for in the priorities letter or wait until the 2020 Comp Plan has been approved and wait until FY22.
- Jennifer asked what the current status of the plan was. David replied that it is a rough draft chapter and outline but often times the most important part of these bike plans is to do a listening session first, talk to each of the NACs and really try to understand where people are coming from and that we are listening to their particular needs.

Budget Priorities Letter

Motion: JT made a motion to recommend the letter but to modify bullet #4 to add a statement about \$250,000 in funding in FY22.

Second: Jennifer Whitmore

Vote: 9-0.

Committee Member Announcements or Comments:

- Shayne stated that February 19th is the Maryland Bike Symposium and would encourage those who have never had the opportunity to go to the symposium to meet new people and Bike Maryland appreciates any representation from the Bike and Pedestrian Committee from across the state to come participate. There will be a high wheel race this year on August 1st. And also for anyone who is interested we have the National Bike Summit that is in Washington, DC March 15th – 17th and is similar to the Maryland Bike Symposium except it is at a national level.
- Marién asked when the pedestrian signals would be turned on at Rosemont & 2nd Street? David responded that he would find out.
- A member stated that he saw a social media post about an International Winter Bike to Workday and this year it is February 14th we encourage some sort of outreach to that effect.

- Roger stated that January 21st Brewers Alley, the Frederick Bike Coalition (FBC) fundraiser has been moved to that day. It is an all-day event. Brewers will give some of the proceeds from that day to the FBC which is the largest fundraiser.
- A member stated that he would like to have a future agenda item which is to hear from FBC about the potential partnering of some of the educational encouragements that the city doesn't have resources for.

Public Comment:

- No public comment.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Jennifer Whitmore made a motion to adjourn.

Second: Eric Eckl.

Vote: 9-0.

Adjourned approximately 7:36 P.M.